

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-second Annual Session
OF THE
Mount Pisgah
Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE
HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
Newton County, Miss.
September 18, 19 and 20, 1909

Next place of meeting, Neshoba Church, Neshoba
County, Miss., Saturday before the third
Lord's Day in September, 1910.

Officers—R. K. Cleveland, Moderator, Decatur, Miss.
G. P. Clarke, Clerk, Decatur, Miss.
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STATE OF RELIGION

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Fraternal Correspondence With the Churches.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Mt. Pisgah Association:

Through the mercies of a Divine Providence, the Mt. Pisgah Association, which is now holding her seventy-second annual meeting with Hebron Church, is permitted once more to greet you in Christian love and fellowship. We are having a good meeting; the congregations are large, and in the main, orderly. Up to the closing of this epistle the weather has been all that could be desired. The church and community has been kind and generous in entertaining the Association and visitors. The preaching has been unusually sound, orthodox and able, and it will be strange if great and lasting good does not result from these faithful proclamations of the Gospel. As to the state of religion within the bounds of our Association, we see nothing that should discourage us, or cause us to falter; but there are many signs that should give us encouragement. There can be no doubt that the principles, practices and doctrines advocated by the Baptists are growing, and taking deeper and deeper hold upon the masses of our people. This, we attribute mainly to the fact that these principles, practices and doctrines are based upon the eternal Word of truth, and that the Lord is blessing the labors of His people. While this is not the place to discuss Sunday School work, yet we see great things in the growing interest that

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is being taken along that line; for if our young people study the New Testament many of them are bound to be led into the truth. This, then, is an encouraging sign. Judging, then, from the signs of the times, the temper, the increasing desire of our young people for a knowledge of the real truth, all coupled with the fact that the Lord has promised to back His people, it only needs an awakening to carry the whole field—so to speak, for Christ and the truth. Let us lift high the royal banner, and not allow it to suffer loss. It has been suggested to the writer of this epistle that a note of warning, through this medium, should be thrown out against being too eager to get large numbers into our churches, regardless of the quality of the material taken in, also that our beloved and consecrated ministers be urged to lay a little more stress upon the necessity of repentance, as they preach to the people, believing that there is danger in putting belief before repentance. May the Lord impart wisdom to direct in all these things, and abundantly increase the faith, hope, and love of His people—crowning their labors with success. Written by appointment.

G. P. Clarke.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Seventy-Second Annual Session of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association.

Hebron Baptist Church, Newton County, Miss., September 18, 1909.

At the usual hour, (11 o'clock a. m.) the appointee, Elder W. J. Bruner preached the introductory sermon, from Psalms 8:4. Theme, "The Creator and the creature. The sermon was considered, orthodox and instructive, and was well received by a large and orderly congregation.

After the sermon, a time was spent in partaking of refreshments, spread in great abundance by the church and community.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

A hymn was sung, prayer was offered by Dr. J. R. Carter, of Jackson, Miss., and the Association was convened in her seventy-second annual session, by the Moderator, Elder R. K. Cleveland.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

To read letters—J. E. Chapman, T. A. Sims and W. J. McMullan

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Finance—A. F. Lindley, T. J. Bounds and J. L. Harrison.

On Preaching—Pastor and deacons of Hebron church, with H. O. White, W. R. Moore and M. F. Mann.

The roll of churches was called and messengers' names enrolled.

Beulah—J. L. Harrison, H. O. White, T. A. Sims and J. E. Graham.

Bluff Springs—J. A. Boler, J. A. Smith.

County Line—J. W. Gilbert, J. T. Knight.

Centre Ridge—R. C. Jolly, J. S. Wells.

Chunkey—J. F. May, T. J. Smith.

Decatur—Oscar Hollingsworth, T. E. Jones, C. W. McMullan, G. P. Clark.

Dixon—H. Y. Graham, W. H. Germany.

Ebenezer, Newton county—W. B. Hammond, T. J. Bounds.

Ebenezer, Neshoba county—R. W. Brantley, E. Hillman.

Ephesus—B. A. Meyers, J. L. Graham.

Goodhope, Scott county—A. J. Meyers, Robert Gordy.

Goodhope, Newton county—By letter sent to clerk.

Hickory—J. A. White, T. J. Blass, S. S. Johnson.

Hebron—J. S. Laird, E. L. Williams

Hazel—Irwin Pace, Covert Walton.

Hope—A. W. W. Grafton.

Mt. Sinai—T. M. Breland.

Midway—C. R. Russell, E. J. Jones, J. W. McMullan.

Mt. Pleasant—B. F. James.

New Prospect—L. P. Gardner.

Neshoba—R. L. Herrington, J. M. Smith, W. J. Houston, Miller Petty.

New Providence—J. B. Lindley, A. F. Lindley.

New Ireland—J. M. Barfoot, Nat Gully.
 Oakland—J. T. Giles, E. H. Reynolds.
 Pleasant Hill—C. O. Crane, W. N. Covington.
 Pinckney—A. J. Gordon, D. B. Hollingsworth.
 Poplar Springs—A. L. Boutwell, J. P. Welch.
 Pine Bluff—J. A. Volentine, G. W. Mabry.
 Pine Ridge—N. V. Harrison, A. Caples.
 Poplar—A. J. Gill, W. L. Milling.
 Pleasant Ridge—C. A. Crawford, J. H. Cunningham.
 Rock Branch—W. H. Rainer, R. K. Cleveland.
 Salem—J. F. Lay, Alvin Rape.
 Sulphur Springs—A. L. Petty, J. L. Cloud.
 Sand Springs—C. Spence, J. M. Ingram.
 Sardis—W. E. Eason, Vitus Morrow.
 Stratton—S. A. Gordon.
 Union, Newton—E. J. Hill, H. C. Taylor, J. M. Cooper, W. R. Moore.

Union, Scott county—Joe Rushing, M. C. Townsend.
 Cross Roads—M. F. Mann, J. C. Russell.
 Beat Line—A. W. Edwards, T. W. Thornton.
 Hopewell—E. W. Beeman, W. A. Butler, A. L. Scott.
 Elder F. M. Breland appointed to preach at the stand.

At the opening of the proceedings it was agreed by motion to dispense with the reading of the statistical parts of the letters from the churches and only read the names of the messengers for purposes of organization.

The time having arrived for the election of officers for the ensuing term, the body proceeded to attend to that business.

Agreed to elect by acclamation.

Elder R. K. Cleveland was re-elected Moderator, G. P. Clarke, Clerk and J. E. Graham, Treasurer.

The officers elect accepted with thanks.

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A call was made for petitionary letters. Beat Line and Hopewell Churches, both in Newton county, presented letters. Both were received to membership in the body, and their messengers seated.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats. Dr. J. R. Carter, Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, at Jackson was seated.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations were next called for, when Elder J. E. Chapman and R. L. White, from Bay Springs Association, and G. W. Gardner from the Hopewell, responded, and were seated.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominations—J. E. Graham, R. L. White, E. Russell, J. M. Smith, N. V. Harrison.

Queries and Requests—E. J. Hill, H. C. Taylor, H. V. Graham, T. A. Sims, W. H. Rainer, C. W. McMullan.

A special committee on Sustentation was, on motion, appointed as follows: W. J. McMullan, W. J. Bruner, J. F. May, W. B. Hammond.

The committee on preaching reported. (appendix A)

Report on Orphanage was read by H. C. Taylor, discussed at length by brethren Carter, Hill and others, and adopted. (Appendix B)

A collection was ordered taken at the close of the Sunday morning service, at both stand and house, for Missions, and at the close of the Sunday afternoon service for the Orphanage.

Elder J. E. Chapman offered prayer and the Association adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m. Monday.

SUNDAY.

At 10 o'clock a. m. Elder D. M. Stroud conducted prayer service at the stand, a number of brethren leading in prayer.

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At 11 a. m. Elder A. L. Ingram preached at the house on Missions. The clerk did not learn his text or theme, but doubtless the sermon was able, sound, and well received. Dr. Carter, at the same hour, preached an impressive and exhausted sermon from John 20:21; Theme: Missions, as taught in the Scriptures.

At 2:30 p. m. Elder E. J. Hill preached one of his characteristic sermons at the house, from 2nd Timothy 1:2. At the same hour, Elder J. E. Chapman, in his usual able and impressive way, preached from John 3:16; Theme: Regeneration. The sermons, taken altogether, can but result in great and lasting good.

The collections were \$36.93 for Missions, and \$21.49 for Orphanage.

At the noon hour, the vast assemblage of people were regaled by a most bounteous feast, provided by the church and community.

MONDAY MORNING.

After a song Elder E. J. Hill led in prayer, and the Association was convened, pursuant to adjournment.

The roll of messengers was called, and absentees noted.

By order of the Mederator the Clerk read the rules of Decorum.

Enon Church, Neshoba county, renewed request made last year, for letter of dismissal from this body, which was granted.

On account of a misunderstanding as to who had been appointed at last Association to write a report on Temperance, a new committee was appointed as follows: E. J. Hill, S. B. Culpepper, J. E. Chapman and R. L. Herrington.

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Renewed call for visiting ministers and corresponding messengers from sister Associations. Elder S. B. Culpepper, from Bay Springs Association, was seated.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Pearl Valley—R. T. Grafton, W. J. Bruner,

Oktibbeha—R. L. Herrington, R. K. Cleveland, A. F. Lindley, D. M. Stroud.

Hopewell—A. J. Meyers, D. M. Stroud.

Members of this body visiting any sister Association, were authorized to represent this Association, and also were authorized to write their own letters, signing officers names thereto.

Messengers to the General Association were appointed as follows:

R. L. Herrington, R. T. Grafton, W. R. Moore, H. O. White, R. K. Cleveland, A. F. Lindley, J. H. Satterfield, W. J. McMullan, T. J. Smith, T. A. Sims, G. P. Clarke, Wm. Varborough, T. W. Thornton, D. M. Stroud, F. M. Breland.

Elder L. B. Fancher was appointed to preach at the stand.

Reading of reports taken up.

State of Religion: Report read by G. P. Clarke, and after some discussion, adopted. (First page.)

Publications: Read by W. J. McMullan, discussed at length and adopted. (C)

Educations: Read by T. J. Blass, discussed at great length and adopted. (D)

Finance: Read by A. F. Lindley and adopted. (E)

Missions: Read by H. O. White, discussed by several brethren, and pending the discussion, adjourned for dinner, which, as before, was abundant.

MONDAY MORNING.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.
Special committee on Sustentation reported. Read by
W. J. McMullan and adopted. (F)

Queries and Requests: Read by E. J. Hill, and after
some discussion adopted. (G)

Discussions of the report on Missions continued, several
brethren spoke, and the report was adopted. (H)

A. J. Meyers, Robert Gordy, A. L. Boutwell and J.
P. Welsh were excused from attendance.

Temperance: Read by S. B. Culpepper, discussed at
length and adopted. (I)

Nominations: Read by J. E. Graham and adopted (J)

J. E. Graham was authorized to write a report on
Sunday Schools and send to the clerk for publication, he
having overlooked the fact that he was appointed at last
Association to write said report.

Report was sent as above and marked (K)

Poplar Springs Church was granted a letter of dismis-
sal from this body.

RESOLUTIONS

1st Resolved that the clerk be insructed to have
the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get
the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same
when so done and approved by him; and that he distribute
them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on
the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee and postage,
reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

2nd That all money on hand for the Orphanage be
sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss. by
the treasured, and all funds od hand, after the expenses of
the Association have been met, be sent to the General As-
sociation.

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3rd That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Hebron Church and the community at large, for their kind and generous entertainment of the Association during this meeting.

4th That we now adjourn to meet with Neshoba Church, Neshoba county, Miss. on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1910.

A hymn was sung, the parting hand was given, and Elder S. B. Culpepper offered an earnest prayer, after which the benediction by the Moderator closed one of the most harmonious and glorious meetings ever held by the Mt. Pisgah Association.

R. K. CLEVELAND, Moderator.

G. P. CLARKE, Clerk.

Chairman of committees appointed to write reports for next Association.

Missions—F. M. Breland.

Temperance—R. L. Herrington.

Education—E. J. Hill.

Publications—W. J. Bruner.

Sunday Schools—W. H. Rainer.

Orphanage—J. E. Graham.

State of Religion—G. P. Clarke.

Obituaries—D. M. Stroud.

APPENDICES.

Preaching...A.

We, your committee, report the following:

That Elder A. L. Ingram preach tomorrow at 11 a. m. as appointed at the house, and Elder J. R. Carter at the same hour, at the stand. That Elder J. E. Chapman preach tomorrow at 2:30 at the stand, and Elder E. J. Hill the same hour at the house; and that Elder D. M. Stroud conduct prayer meeting at 10 a. m. tomorrow at the stand.

(The above was Sunday services.)

The Committee.

Orphanage...B.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Mississippi is an Institution belonging to the Baptists of Mississippi; and supported wholly by voluntary contributions. The object of its establishment and maintainance is, to furnish a home, nurture and training for the homeless, and helpless children. It has been in successful operation for twelve years. During this time it has passed through trials and struggles incident to institutions of this kind; through them all it has been upheld by a liberal, loyal and loving people, who have been cheerful and generous in its support.

We have accumulated property in houses and lands to

the amount of \$100,000. We are prepared, by crowding, to care for 200 children. We have in our home at present 181 with several outstanding applications,

Since its establishment nearly 400 children have been in our home for a longer or a shorter time, receiving its benefits to a greater or lesser degree.

It is the purpose of the home to train these children in the practical art of home making and home keeping to such a degree that they will make good citizens, and independent bread winners.

Those to whom the management of our home is committed are doing faithful work, in the matter of training the children for usefulness; and are so directing their labor that the children themselves are contributing largely to their own support.

The demands upon our home are daily increasing, and if we meet them, we will have to build at once, as the room that we now have is nearly all taken.

We have enlarged our dining room and chapel this summer, but we are sadly in need of more bed room and school room.

Let our people rally to our aid with their money, and their prayers, and thus constantly increase its usefulness.

We earnestly request Sunday Schools to take up collections at stated times for the Orphanage.

H. C. TAYLOR.

Publications...C

Your committee on publications submits the following report:

We recommend that all Baptists subscribe, pay for, and read the Mississippi Baptist, for it is our paper and

will be what we make it. We further urge that our people and especially our preachers, read the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field, that our membership may be correctly informed in the mission work in which we are engaged; and that we then read such other religious papers as would suit us, being particular at all times as to their subject matter, and refusing to allow any papers in our homes that carry whiskey advertisements.

By reading the Orphanage Gem we can keep posted as to the work of the Orphanage.

Would recommend a judicious selection of good books, not forgetting to give the Bible, the book of all books, the first place.

Would recommend the Southern Baptist Convention literature for Sunday Schools.

Submitted.

W. J. McMULLAN.

Education...D.

Your committee would not be pessimistic in considering this great question, yet we must admit that there is a sad deficiency, in both interest and effort, in the direction of education among many of our people, and especially in the rural districts.

We rejoice in the progress of our denominational colleges and other noble and reputable institutions in our State; but greatly deplore the fact that the standard is so low in our rural districts.

Yet, while the standard is low, and the rural schools are poorly equipped, we are glad as we see the rising interest, and, as it were, the dawn of light breaking across the brilliant skies, and lighting up the minds of man.

Our word "education" comes from both the Latin and the Greek, meaning to rear, to bring up, to train (a child). But the English give it a more intensified meaning which may be given in the phrase, "Insight to true enlightenment."

Religion and education has been discussed in many ways. Some have even been so eccentric as to offer contrast or comparison to their beneficial relations to society and human civilization.

We submit that there is only one true religion, and that the Christian religion; and only one true education, and that the Christian education. The true religion may be had without the complete education, but the complete education cannot be had without the true religion.

Man is not educated till the soul is reached. It is not the man that has a soul, but that man is a soul. Hence we say his education is not properly begun till his soul is reached; and he is educated, not when his mind is master of the contents of books; but when his soul has been raised to higher planes of living and his heart is tuned in unison with the great heart-throb of humanity by the influence of God's divine grace and will.

Your committee would submit that in many schools, and even our own, God is not recognized nor emphasized as should be and that not a single class recitation should be conducted without some mention of His goodness, and that these together with all other associations of teachers and pupils, should be fountains of communion where the hearts of students are drawn together, and the button pressed by the teacher's hand that turns Heaven's current into the souls of men, and introduces God.

By way of recommendation your committee would proclaim the necessity of the establishment of graded and

high schools in the country for the education of the toiling masses of boys and girls, who need to know the truth and would appreciate an education most of all.

After this we would hold before them the banner of invitation to any of our State Colleges or University, Mississippi and Hillman Colleges at Clinton, Blue Mountain College, and last yet not least, but the dearest of all, Clarke Memorial College, of Newton.

Finally, Brethren, we would submit as a duty, and recommend that every member of this Association do all in his power for the cause of education, by aiding in the establishment and maintainance of schools, the employment of efficient, Christian teachers, and urging the Gospel of Christ, and the Word of God be taught, as a text, at least, in the high school grades and in College.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BLASS.

Finance...E.

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We have examined the treasurer's report and find:

Received from the Churches last year.....	\$93.00
Collected for missions on Sunday.....	33.75
Collected for Orphanage on Sunday.....	12.85
Balance in treasury	6.34
Collected by treasurer since last meeting.....	1.50
Total.....	147.44

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Paid for printing minutes and postage...	55.00	
Paid to General Association.....	40.00	
Paid for Clerk's salary.....	20.00	
Paid to Orphanage.....	\$12.85	
Paid to Board Meeting at Union.....	17.00	
Balance on hand.....	2.59	\$147.44
Received from churches this year.....	90.70	
Collected for missions on Sunday.....	36.93	
Collected for Orphanage on Sunday.....	21.49	
Collected for Home Missions on Sunday	.85	

Total.....\$149.97

Submitted

A. F. LINDLEY, Chaيمان,

Sustentation...F.

Your committee on Sustentation would recommend that we take up the work of sustaining our old and worn out ministers, and would further recommend that a place be prepared in the Associational letters for the accomodation of the churches in said work, and that all churches be requested to take up said work, all money so raised to be used within the bounds of our body.

Submitted

W. J. McMULLAN,

W. B. HAMMOND,

W. J. BRUNER,

J. F. MAY.

Queries and Requests...G.

Your committee on Queries and Requests reports as follows:

We find that Pinckney, Neshoba, Goodhope (Scott) and Ephesus Churches ask for the Association in 1910; and that Poplar Springs Church asks for a letter of dismissal from the body.

We recommend that the Association go to Neshoba Church next year; and that Poplar Springs Church be granted a letter of dismissal from the body.

Submitted,

E. J. HILL, Chairman.

Missions...H.

The sixth article of our abstaact of faith says: We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to a knowledge of the truth; that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe, and obey.

Christ said to His diciples after His Resurrection, and just before His ascention to the Father, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature; He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; and he that believeth not shall be damned;" Mark, 16:15-16. In Matthew, 28:19-20, He says: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world." This is the command of our blessed Savior, and is as binding now as it was when uttered by Him. Christ said, "God so loved

the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life:" John 3:16. Again John says in 1st John 4:9-10: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him." Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Now He says, "If you love me, keep my commandments." We prove our love to God, and our loyalty to Christ, by obeying Him. We believe that the best wisdom of our love to God, and loyalty to Christ, is manifested in our zeal for the propagation and perpetuation of the Gospel, in order that the sinners may be brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ. Evidently, it is through a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ that sinners are saved. Christ said, "Sanctify them through the truth, Thy word is truth." Again He said, "I pray not for these only, but for all them that shall believe on me through their word." Again He says "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Again He says, "I am the door, if any man enter in by me, he shall be saved, etc." The Gospel teaches us that repentance and faith are the conditions of life. Paul says that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Rom. 10-17. Again He says that "the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentiles, for herein is righteousness revealed from faith to faith." Again he says that "life and immortality are brought to light," through the Gospel.

If God has any way of saving sinners without the Gospel, it is not revealed. Then, if we have a knowledge of the way of life only through the Gospel, and only those

that hear and believe are saved, how important that it be preached.

The purpose for which Christ died and rose, was that He should be preached among all nations. "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and rise again, that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Beginning at Jerusalem; it is the duty of Christians to give the Gospel to them at home first, then to all the earth.

Never, in the history of the church, has the opportunity to give the Gospel to the nations of the world been so great as at the present. People are coming from all over the world to America—we have the nations at our door. If we fail to Christianize them, we will soon have a heathen nation. Then how important it is that we do all in our power to Christianize and civilize them. If they are saved many of them will return to the country from whence they came and carry the good tidings of great joy to their people. So, while we are doing Home Mission work, we will be, indirectly doing Foreign Mission work.

There is much being said among us about the plan or method of carrying on the Mission work. The plan is to preach the Gospel, and to carry on the work according to the Gospel method. The method of carrying on the work is as plain as the command to preach the Gospel. It is just as much the duty of the church to support those who preach the Gospel, as it is to send them out to preach it. Paul says in 1st Cor. 9:14, that the "Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel, should live of the Gospel."

We append a brief summary of part of the work done by our Missionaries in 1908; by the Home Mission Board: Number of workers, 919; Churches and stations supplied,

2630; Sermons and addresses, 113,582. Prayer meetings, 13,493; Religious visits, 212,201; Baptisms, 17,760; Received by letter, 15,096; Total addition to churches, 32856; Churches constituted, 334; Houses built and improved, 338; Sunday Schools organized, 1,057; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 26,837; Pages of tracts distributed, 1,857, 854.

Besides the foregoing a great deal of successful work was done by Evangelists.

As to the foreign field, we have not sufficient data from which to make an intelligent report. Suffice it to say however, that there are good reasons for encouragement to continue pressing the work. There are several hundred Missionaries working under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board, and many baptisms have been reported, besides seed scattered for future gathering.

Submitted,
H. O. WHITE.

Temperance...I.

Your committee on Temperance reports the following: Intemperance is one of the greatest evils that threaten the peace and fellowship of our churches today.

While we have eradicated the open saloon from our midst, and Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, and North and South Carolina join hands with us in this fight, and a traveler may go from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Ocean, without passing a legalized saloon, yet, brethren, the victory is not won. We have just begun to pitch the battle, and that battle must be fought out with the blind tigers and his forces, and soft drinks. When the

devil fails to open his saloon in a State, he then opens his soft drink shops, and deals out to the youth such things as near beer, beerine, and the so-called harmless thing called coco cola; and the first thing the youth knows he is wrapped in its awful grip. It deadens his sensibilities, wrecks his nerves, saps his manhood, ruins his life, and leaves him a coco cola fiend.

Your committee believes that this Association ought to put itself squarely on record against such. We would also urge that papers carrying the advertisements of any of the things mentioned above, should be kept out of our Baptist homes; and our children's mind's should be filled with something better.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. J. HILL, Chairman.

Nominations...J.

We, your committee on Nominations submit the following:

That Elder F. M. Breland preach the next introductory sermon, and that Elder W. H. Rainer be his alternate. That Elder E. J. Hill preach the next annual sermon on Missions, and that Elder W. L. Collins be his alternate.

J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Sunday Schools...K.

We, the committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following:

That we are gratified to see the growing interest in

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the Sunday School work among our people. However we haven't achieved the glorious end until we have a good Sunday School in every one of our churches in our Associations, in which all—both old and young take a part.

It makes our hearts bleed to see the indifference with which some of our fathers and mothers treat the Sunday School work. Oh! Christian parents, "Train up your children the way they should go." In what way can we do it more successfully than by carrying them to the Sunday School and studying God's Word with them. The Sunday School is a grand place to train a child for the Christian work that is before them. We earnestly beg that each and every pastor, father and mother who reads this report will go to work at once and organize a Sunday School in their various churches.

We pray that God may bless every effort that is being put forth for the advancement of the Sunday School work in this glorious South land of ours.

God bless the Sunday Schools.

J. E. GRAHAM.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

H. O. White, Decatur	A. J. Wells, Union
W. B. Hammonds, Lawrence	D. B. Cannon, Philadelphia,
F. M. Breland, Philadelphia	R. L. Herrington, Neshoba,
W. J. Bruner, Newton	J. H. Satterfield, Newton
G. M. May, Lawrence	W. M. Yarbrough, Lawrence
D. M. Stroud, Lake	R. K. Cleveland, Decatur
W. H. Rainer, Union	E. W. Breland, Hays
E. J. Hill, Union	W. L. Collins, Union
H. C. Taylor, Union,	Joe Rushing, Harperville

LICENTIATES.

T. A. Sims, Decatur

A. J. Myers, Forest

J. S. Laird, Decatur

J. T. Giles, Chunkey

J. M. Williams, Hickory

G. W. Brantly, Madden

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH--Preamble.

We the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith into salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God

and man—the man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offspring for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledgs of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and required all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgement and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to one Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is a duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters; when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our

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country, we desire it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby the right is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Association year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall one hundred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

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9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. *Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than one once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions or order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

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19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by Clerk and called over when necessary.


20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.



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Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	No. of Teachers..	No. of Pupils.....	Expenses	Literature used..
Beulah	Newton ..	5	60		Baptist
Bluff Springs.....	Neshoba..	4	50		Baptist
County Line	Neshoba..	5	50		Baptist
Hicokry	Newton ..	7	75		Baptist
Mt Sinai	Neshoba..	4	85		Baptist
Mt Pleasant	Newton ..	4	26		Baptist
Neshoba	Neshoba..	4	103		Baptist
New Ireland	Newton ..	3	35		Baptist
Poplar Springs	Newton ..	9	84		Baptist
Union	Newton ..	5	135		Baptist
Union	Scott	3	60		Baptist
Chunkey	Newton ..	5	105	\$21 14	Baptist

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCH	COUNTY	Missions	Orphanage Aid	Ministerial Building & Pastor's Salary	Other Purposes	Total	Value of Property
Buelah	Newton ..						\$ 500

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Buelah	Newton						\$ 500
Bluff Springs	Neshoba		10 00				400
Beat Line	Newton	3 50		24 50	160 00		
County Line	Neshoba	45 50	7 00				500
Centre Ridge	Newton		10 35	80 00			300
Cross Roads	Newton						500
Chunky	Newton	40 00	25 00	250 00	135 00		2000
Decatur	Newton	72 66		5 50	250 00	77 00	1000
Ebenezer	Neshoba						300
Hickory	Newton	65 00		250 00	13 60		800
Hebron	Newton	5 25	105 10	68 35	29 00		
Hope	Neshoba	18 00	100 00				600
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba			60 00	2 50		500
Midway	Newton	23 25	28 15	50 00			300
Mt. Pleasant	Newton			94 00	100 00	10 00	
New Prospect	Newton	3 00		77 50			400
Neshoba	Neshoba	43 97	3 00	53 50	1 200	175 00	1600
New Providence	Newton			3 55			200
Pleasant Hill	Newton	74 30	8 40	175 00			550
Pinckney	Newton	39 30	17 50	5 00	75 00		500
Poplar Springs	Newton	86 00	21 18	250 00	4 65		1000
Pleasant Ridge	Newton				6-25		1000
Rock Branch	Newton	43 90	16 60	107 75			
Salem	Scott		36 75	50 00			200
Sulphur Springs	Scott	7 00	16 00				500
Sand Springs	Newton			50 00			800
Stratton	Newton	10 45	45 45	75 00			
Union	Newton	60 00	25 00	500 00	5 00		500
Union	Scott			150 00			1200

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CHURCH	COUNTY	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Colored	Totals	Number of Minutes	Associational Fund	Time of Meeting	Ordained	Licentiate	PASTORS
Beulah.....	Newton	5			4	1		58	104	2	164	303	00	3	1	1	G W Breland.....
Bluff Springs.....	Neshoba	3			10	3		27	25		52	161	60				H C Taylor.....
Beat Line.....	Newton	2	5					15	14		29	121	50				W J Bruner.....
County Line.....	Neshoba		4	2	4			23	50		85	202	00		1		G W Breland.....
Centre Riddle.....	Newton	1	2		1		1	20	17		37	101	00				H C Taylor.....
Cross Roads.....	Newton	16			23		1	12	12		24	101	00				W M Yarbrough..
Chunky.....	Newton		2		8		1	67	83		150	252	50				R A Venable.....
Decatur.....	Newton	8	4		4	2	1	87	118	1	206	454	50				E J Hill.....
Dixon.....	Neshoba	1						21	23		42	202	00				
Ebenezer.....	Newton	1	5		5		2	26	46		72	151	50		1		W B Hammond..
Ebenezer.....	Neshoba	2	3		1	3	1	15	17		32	101	00				H C Taylor.....
Ephesus.....	Scott	1			3	2	1	25	44		69	252	50				G M May.....
Good Hope.....	Scott	5	1	1	3	9	1	24	38		62	202	00			1	G M May.....
Good Hope.....	Newton					1					30	151	50				Z K Gilmore.....
Hopewell.....	Newton	3			5						102	303	00	1			W H Rainer.....
Hickory.....	Newton	7	9		4			62	94		156	252	50				N A Edmonds....
Hebron.....	Newton	4	2	3		4	1	52	39		91	252	50			1	W H Rainer.....
Hazel.....	Newton		1				1	20	30		50	202	00	1			N A Edmonds....
Hope.....	Neshoba		1				1	27	25		52	202	00				W J Bruner.....
Mt. Santa.....	Neshoba				6	1	1	26	40		66	252	50		2		G W Breland....
Midway.....	Newton	13					2	13	26		39	242	40				Wm Yarbrough...
Mt. Pleasant.....	Newton				8			29	38		67	131	30				J W Ellis.....
New Prospect.....	Newton	3			1	9	1	19	36		55	202	00				R L Herrington..
Neshoba.....	Neshoba	10	12	2	3	5	4	86	87		173	505	00		1		L E Lightsey....
New Providence.....	Newton	3	1		4		1	17	16		33	101	00			1	W J Bruner.....
New Ireland.....	Newton	5	4					26	32		58	252	50				W L Collins.....
Oakland.....	Newton	3			1		1	21	40		61	202	00				F W Gunn.....
Pleasant Hill.....	Newton	20	22		6	2		75	89		164	404	00				R L Breland....
Pinckney.....	Newton				6			28	38		66	151	50				W H Rainer.....
Poplar Springs.....	Newton	11	4	1				65	93		158	303	00		2		T J Miley.....
Pine Bluff.....	Newton	7	6		5		1	22	39		61	151	50	4	1		E W Breland....
Pine Ridge.....	Newton	3		1	2			17	23		40	151	50		2		Z T Faulkner....
Poplar.....	Newton	3			4		1	14	17		31	101	00				
Pleasant Ridge.....	Newton		2					9	24		33	202	00				G M May.....
Rock Branch.....	Newton		5	2				28	43		71	202	00		2		W H Rainer.....
Salem.....	Scott				7						32	151	50				W S Ford.....
Sulphur Springs.....	Scott	2	1				2	49	44		93	151	50		1		R L Herrington..
Sand Springs.....	Newton	5	2		2	1		37	51		88	151	50			1	Wm Yarbrough..
Sardis.....	Scott	5						15	33		48	141	40		1		1 W B Hammond..
Stratton.....	Newton	5	10					14	19		33	101	00				E J Hill.....
Union.....	Newton	22	17		15			69	100		169	404	00		3		E J Hill.....
Union.....	Scott		1		4	1	1	28	42		70	205	00		1		
Totals.....		179	126	12	152	45	27				3214	874			18		

TABLE OF MESSENGERS.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS
Beulah	Newton ..	Decatur ..	J. L. Harrison, H. O. White, T. A. Sims, J. E. Graham
Bluff Springs.....	Neshoba..	Union	J. A. Bolter, J. A. Smith
Beat Line.....	Newton ..	Decatur ..	A. W. Edwards, T. W. Thornton
County Line	Neshoba..	Union	J. W. Gilbert, J. T. Knight
Centre Ridge	Newton ..	Chunkey ..	R. C. Jolly, J. S. Wells
Cross Roads.....	Newton ..	Decatur ..	M. F. Mann, E. Russell
Chunkey	Newton ..	Chunkey ..	J. F. May, T. J. Smith
Decatur	Newton ..	Decatur ..	Oscar Hollingsworth, T. E. Jones, C. W. McMullan, G. [P. Clarke]
Dixon	Neshoba..	Union	H. Y. Graham, W. H. Germany
Ebenezer	Newton ..	Lawrence ..	W. B. Hammond, T. J. Bounds
Ebenezer	Neshoba..	Dixon	R. W. Brantly, E. Hillman
Ephesus.....	Scott.....	Forest	B. A. Meyers, J. L. Graham
Good Hope	Scott.....	Lake	A. J. Meyers, Robert Gordy
Good Hope	Newton ..	Hickory ..	By letter mailed to Clerk
Hopewell	Newton ..	Decatur ..	E. W. Beeman, W. A. Butler, A. L. Scott
Hickory	Newton ..	Hickory ..	J. A. White, T. J. Blass, S. S. Johnson
Hebron	Newton ..	Decatur ..	J. S. Laird, E. L. Williams
Hazel	Newton ..	Lake	Irvine Pace, Covert Walton
Hope	Neshoba..	Philadelphia ..	A. W. W. Grafton
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba..	Philadelphia ..	F. M. Breland
Midway	Newton ..	Newton ..	C. R. Russell, E. J. Jones, W. J. McMullan
Mt. Pleasant	Newton ..	Hickory ..	B. F. James
New Prospect	Newton ..	Union	L. P. Gardner
Neshoba.....	Neshoba..	Neshoba ..	R. L. Herrington, J. M. Smith
New Providence..	Newton ..	Chunkey ..	J. B. Lindley, J. F. Lindley
New Ireland.....	Newton ..	Union	J. M. Bartfoot, Nat Gully
Oakland.....	Newton ..	Hickory ..	J. T. Giles, E. H. Reynolds
Pleasant Hill	Newton ..	Conchatta ..	C. O. Crane, W. N. Covington
Pinckney	Newton ..	Union	A. J. Gordon, D. B. Hollingsworth
Poplar Springs	Newton ..	Newton ..	A. L. Boutwell, J. P. Welch
Pine Bluff	Newton ..	Newton ..	J. A. Valentine, G. W. Mabry
Pine Ridge	Newton ..	Lake	N. V. Harrison, A. Caples
Poplar	Newton ..	Union	A. J. Gill, W. L. Milling
Pleasant Ridge	Newton ..	Hickory ..	C. A. Crawford, J. H. Cunningham
Rock Branch.....	Newton ..	Union	W. H. Rainer, R. K. Cleveland
Salem	Scott.....	Forest	J. F. Lay, Alvin Rape
Salplus Springs	Scott.....	Conchatta ..	A. L. Petty, J. L. Cloud
Sand Springs.....	Newton ..	Hickory ..	C. Spence, J. M. Ingram
Sardis.....	Scott.....	Union	W. E. Eason, Vitus Morrow
Stratton.....	Newton ..	Union	S. A. Gordon
Union.....	Newton ..	Union	E. J. Hill, H. C. Taylor, J. M. Cooper, W. R. Moore
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